

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 5-6. These sheets, which include Figures 1-12, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-12.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Drawings - Figures 5-6 have been amended to delete the indications that they are "prior art". Six sheets of drawings including Figures 1-12 are presented herewith for approval.

In the Notice of Allowance dated July 14, 2005, the Examiner entered an Examiner's Amendment to label Figures 1-3, 5 and 6 as "Prior Art". Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment is only acceptable to the Applicants in part. While Figures 1-3 are illustrations of prior art, Figures 5-6 are not.

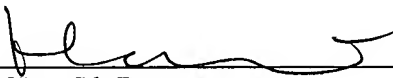
Figures 5-6 are illustrations of a method disclosed in U.S. Patent Application 10/680,727 (hereafter, the '727 application) in the name of STMicroelectronics, S.r.l., the assignee of the present application, now allowed. The '727 application and its published European priority application, however, cannot be prior art against the instant application. The European application on which the '727 application bases its priority, was published on April 14, 2004. This date is later than the January 15, 2004 filing date of the instant application. Accordingly, the EPO publication is not 102(a) or 102(b) art against the instant application. Moreover, because the US filing date of the '727 application (October 7, 2003) is later than the priority date of the instant application (January 15, 2003), the published US application is not a 102(e) art. In conclusion, Figures 5-6 are not prior art vis-à-vis the instant application and the labeling to such effect should be removed.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.  
Favorable consideration and entry of this Amendment are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures:  
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6 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures 1-12)

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